

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Foreman for the indication that Claims 8, 10-15, 17, 19 and 20 are allowed, and that Claims 4-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Independent Claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter recited in Claim 4, and Claim 4 is canceled. Also, Claim 18 is canceled.

Thus, the only claims remaining in this application are claims which have been indicated to be allowable.

It is thus respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

As a final matter, the Examiner is kindly asked to acknowledge the Claim for Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) and to acknowledge receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents submitted on August 7, 2003.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this application or believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in

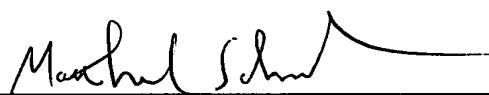
resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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